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SUBJ: OPENING OF US/ACCOUNTS BY FOREIGNERS

1. IN A NUMBER OF RECENT INSTANCES, SYRIAN PRIVATE BUSINESSMEN HAVE ATTEMPTED TO OPEN ACCOUNTS AT BANKS IN THE US. ON OCCASIONS THEY HAVE BEEN REBUFFED BY BANKS WHICH INSIST THAT DEPOSITORS OBTAIN A SOCIAL SECURITY NUMBER. WHEN SYRIAN BUSINESSMEN ATTEMPT TO OBTAIN SOCIAL SECURITY NUMBERS THEY ARE TOLD THAT THEY ARE AVAILABLE ONLY TO US CITIZENS OR PERMANENT RESIDENTS.
 2. ON THE OTHER HAND, POST KNOWS OF CASES WHERE SYRIANS HAVE OPENED ACCOUNTS IN THE US. ANY ADVICE WE CAN GIVE SYRIAN BUSINESSMEN WOULD BE APPRECIATED. POLITICAL INSTABILITY IN EUROPE IS BEGINNING TO OUTWEIGH THE DECLINING VALUE OF THE DOLLAR AS A FACTOR IN DETERMINING WHERE THE SYRIAN PRIVATE SECTOR WISHES TO DEPOSIT ITS ASSETS HELD ABROAD. (ONE ESTIMATE PUTS THEM AS HIGH AS DOLLAR 1.5 BILLION).
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